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The isolation of the case on board after its discovery at Wrangle and confirmation at Juneau was very complete, and deserves particular commendation.

Respectfully,

M. H. FOSTER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in Los Angeles, Cal.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 22, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 25 cases of smallpox have developed in this city during the past four weeks, making a total of 50 cases since January 1. The latest outbreak of the disease has been chiefly confined to the Mexican quarter of the city. The type of the disease is now, as heretofore, very mild; in fact, so mild that in many cases a diagnosis would be difficult but for the presence of other cases in direct contact, with undoubted symptoms of smallpox. The experience here is similar to that in other portions of the country where smallpox prevails, in that a diagnosis of smallpox is rarely made by the attending physician, who is not handling cases of smallpox frequently, until the infection has spread to other inmates of the house and neighborhood. Likewise, it has been the experience with the disease in Los Angeles that only those who are not vaccinated, or were never successfully vaccinated, take smallpox. In spite of this universal experience, there seems to be the same indifference to the necessity of vaccination that is remarked elsewhere.

Respectfully,

HILL HASTINGS,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Smallpox in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 23, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report a case of smallpox in the person of a young adult male, aged 22 years; nativity, England; who applied for relief at this hospital May 22, 1901. He presented a discharge certificate from the U. S. Army transport *Thomas*, showing service from December 15, 1900, to April 18, 1901, since which period he has been living ashore at a sailors' boarding house.

In compliance with the municipal law, the board of health was immediately notified. They removed the patient promptly to the city pesthouse after their expert had confirmed our diagnosis. The offices visited by the patient at this station were disinfected and those who had come in contact with him vaccinated. No spread of the disease from this case is anticipated. It is of interest that the patient stated he was vaccinated some months ago for the first time, but a careful inspection failed to discover a scar.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. GASSAWAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.

Smallpox in St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 27, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to state that there were 27 new cases of smallpox and no deaths reported in this city for the week ended May 26, 1901.

Respectfully,

WM. G. STIMPSON,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S., In Command.